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CLASHES ON ITALIAN FRONTIER; WOMEN KILLED BY TROOPS

LUSITANIA OFFICERS SAID TO HAVE TREATED SUBMARINE THREAT LIGHTLY

Failed to Follow Orders of British Admiralty—Italian and Swedish Newspapers Express Horror and Indignation—Dr. Dernburg Says Responsibility Rests With Great Britain

Mainland papers received here in today's mail give features of the Lusitania sinking in detail which are of startling interest. Below are some of the developments in the sea-tragedy.

LONDON, May 8.—There will be an official investigation of the Lusitania's sinking. Already there are rumors throughout London of lack of proper precautions. There is great sympathy for the Cunard Company on account of its wonderful previous record of not losing passengers, but at the same time there is the severe criticism that the disaster might have been avoided. It is considered that the Cunard line treated the German threats too lightly, that too much confidence was placed in the Lusitania's speed. Added to this is the grave rumor heard on every hand that the Lusitania had admiralty directions which it did not implicitly follow. It appears reasonably certain that if the Lusitania had not followed her regular course, but had taken the precaution of detouring away from the course which she has followed from time to time the chances of her being submerged would have been much less.

Gave Germans a Chance. Instead, opportunity was given for the submarine, which was lying in wait, to calculate the distance and speed of the victim and the speed of the torpedo. There is trustworthy information that naval officials were greatly surprised when they learned that the Lusitania was on her regular course when struck.

It is expected that the American embassy will be represented at the investigation, certainly at the coroner's inquest.

All the evidence goes to show that the first-class and many of the second-class passengers had such confidence in the ability of the Lusitania, because of her watertight compartments, so remain afloat after she received the first blow that they did not concern themselves about taking to the boats or even providing themselves with life preservers.

Boats on Port Side Jammed. When the passengers did realize that the Lusitania was doomed they found that most of the boats on the port side were so jammed, because of the great list of the vessel, that they could not be lowered, and the last seen of them by the most fortunate passengers who had secured places on the starboard boats, or who had jumped overboard and had been picked up, they were lined on the sloping decks awaiting their fate, doubtless even then believing that with land so close, they would still be saved.

However, the torpedoes had torn such gaping holes in the liner that she did not remain afloat for more than 20 minutes, and the call for help which the wireless sent out, although answered quickly, could not bring the rescuing steamers to the spot in time to be of any service.

Torpedoes Emit Gases. The London Standard has received a dispatch from Queenstown saying that when the German torpedoes exploded inside the Lusitania they emitted suffocating and sickly fumes which stupefied many of the passengers.

A dispatch from Queenstown to the Central News says: "It now appears that a majority of the Lusitania victims are to be found among the first-class passengers and crew. Queenstown impresses one today as a vast morgue."

Of the 159 bodies some are laid out in the market hall and others remain at the Cunard wharf, the military mortuary and elsewhere. The bodies of several young American women are among those awaiting identification at the market hall.

"The spectacle at the market hall is poignant beyond expression. Most of the bodies there are of women. Some of them are without shoes, evidence of a hurried attempt to free themselves of hampering attire. "At the Cunard wharf lies a mother still clasping in her arms the body of her three-months-old baby. The bodies of several other babies have been found."

German Prisoners Perish. LONDON, May 9.—Lloyd's Weekly says that Detective Pirpout of Liverpool arrested three Germans aboard the Lusitania. When the ship was torpedoed they were drowned.

Dr. Dernburg's Comment. NEW YORK, May 9.—Disclaiming all responsibility on the part of Germany for the loss of American lives on the Lusitania, Dr. Dernburg, former Colonial Secretary of Germany, defended submarine warfare, on his arrival from Cleveland, at the Ritz-Carlton tonight. Dr. Dernburg placed the blame on the officials of the Cunard line who, he said, should have notified

R. W. CATHCART DROPS DEAD ON ALAKEA STREET

Former Chief Clerk of Road Dept., a Honolulu for 40 Years, Has Heart Failure

R. W. Cathcart is dead. The former chief clerk of the road department, a man more than 60 years of age, dropped in a dead faint in front of the von Hamm-Young garage on Alakea street at 12 o'clock today. He was hurried to the rooms of Doctors Herbert & Walters, directly across the street, but all efforts to restore him failed. The old man was dead before he was picked up, due, says Dr. Herbert, to heart failure.

A crowd had begun to gather as it was noted about that a prominent Honolulu had been hurt, but it was not suspected that death ensued until the stretcher appeared bearing the body to the police ambulance. One dark spot of blood on the cement walk marks the spot where the aged man fell.

The deceased is survived by a wife, a sister in Paris, and four sons, two of whom are William Cathcart, clerk in the postoffice, and Edwin Cathcart, in the employ of the government at Pearl Harbor. The other two are boys in school. Mrs. Cathcart lives at 363 School street.

R. W. Cathcart was a real "kamaaina," having come to the islands from England about 40 years ago. He has clerked in several local concerns but has had no definite business of late. At one time he was treasurer of the lumber department of the Wilder estate, and was later connected with the Kaimuki Land Company. He was also clerk in the road department for two periods.

S. P. C. Correa of the Advertiser, who was intimate with Mr. Cathcart as a neighbor, said the old man was beginning to fail of late.

"He was all right last night," said Correa. "I typed several manuscripts for him, and although he did not appear as strong as he used to be he did not look ready to die by any means. I saw him again this morning, spry and active for his age."

Mr. Cathcart was prominent politically in Democratic circles in Honolulu.

SHIFTING OF LINES ON THE F-4 CONTINUED

Work of transferring lines from the dredge Gaylor to the lifting pontoons was continued this morning, and it is expected that this afternoon the sunken submarine F-4 will be raised sufficiently to allow another line to be placed near the stern, by dragging under the bow and working it aft. The stern, according to the divers, is too low in the sand to permit of lines being dragged under it, the heavy chain and wire cable placed last week from this end of the boat being foul of the propeller, according to report.

There was no diving yesterday, and so far as known there will be none today. If all goes well the Navajo should be able to drag a fourth line from bow to stern, so that the F-4 will be securely held in a sling of four chain and wire cables. It will then be possible to resume the lifting and shoreward progress that was brought to an end two weeks ago, when the cables chafed through after a spell of heavy weather. The insertion of 90 feet of heavy chain in the light of each wire, where it passes under the submarine, is guarantee against a repetition of this delay.

Kamehameha vs. St. Louis. At 3:30 this afternoon the Kamehameha and St. Louis teams of the Inter-scholastic Baseball League will play at Athletic Park.

According to news from Hilo, the Waiohala reclamation scheme has been agreed upon after Superintendent Forbes' explanation at a public hearing.

SCORE OF AUTOS WHISK VISITORS AROUND ISLAND

First Stop of Congressional Party Is For Iced Pineapple at Big Cannery

KANEHOE BAY CORALS EXCITE HIGH PRAISE

PROGRAM IN BRIEF OF CONGRESS PARTY

Today—Around the island tour, starting at 9 o'clock from the Moana hotel. Return about 5 o'clock.

Tonight—Chamber of Commerce dinner, Moana hotel, 7:30 o'clock.

Tuesday—Visit to Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Experiment station, Honolulu, leaving Moana hotel at 10:45 o'clock. Lunch at station.

Tuesday evening—"Congressional Night," arranged by Men's League at Central Union church, 6 p. m. Reception by Delegate Kuhio at his Waikiki home, 8 p. m.

(By Telephone to the Star-Bulletin) HALEIWA, May 17.—Through city streets, over the mountain Pali, whisking past villages, skirting an ocean beach, through pineapple and cane fields—that is the program being carried out for the entertainment of the visiting congressmen today.

More than twenty automobiles left the Moana hotel this morning about 9 o'clock and proceeded on Kalakaua avenue to King street, to Naunau and thence over the Pali, down the winding road to the pineapple fields and thence to Libby, McNeill & Libby's pineapple cannery where iced pineapple was served to the visitors.

The second lap of the around-the-island automobile trip brought the party to the shores of Kaneohe Bay, that stretch of wondrous water, harboring vivid-colored corals. The congressmen were given an opportunity to view the coral specimens abundant.

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PLADA THINKS AN ENEMY TRIED TO BURN HIS HOUSE

The supposed incendiary who started the fire Saturday night in the home of Manuel Plada, a fireman of the Kaimuki station, is being sought by Fire Chief Charles H. Thurston and Chief of Detectives M. Duffie today.

Plada reported for duty at Kaimuki at 6 o'clock Saturday night and 20 minutes later the alarm came in from the neighbors that his house on Seventh avenue was on fire. When the flames were extinguished by chemicals the firemen found the beds in the two bedrooms of the house, and old clothes in the bathroom saturated with kerosene. The damage done amounted to \$100. The insurance on the house is \$1000, while that on the furniture is \$250.

The detective force is now seeking the firebug, as the back door was open and whoever started the fire had a clear way. Plada thinks it was someone who is jealous of his home life. The officials, however, intend to locate the firebug if possible.

INTER-ISLAND TENNIS.

Play in the mixed doubles will commence this afternoon at 4:15 on the Moana courts in which some of Hawaii's best men and women players will compete. Four couples have entered. Miss Alice Hopper, ladies' singles champion, and Wm. Eklund, champion in men's singles and doubles, will play together, and are considered by the close followers of the game as the probable winners.

Two new players, Mrs. Grasshof, wife of Capt. Grasshof of the S. M. S. Geier, and Miss Evelyn Carruth will make their initial appearance in local tournament play and much is expected of both. The following is the schedule of the matches:

Miss Pauline Schaefer and A. L. Castle vs. Miss Evelyn Carruth and A. S. Davis.

Miss Alice Hopper and Wm. Eklund vs. Mrs. Grasshof and C. L. W. Pfleger.

A meeting of the public utilities commission will be held in the rooms of the commission, Kaulaolani building, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at which time the commission probably will begin an investigation of the double drowning accident which occurred when a boat from the steamer Kilauea swamped at Lahaina.

HAWAII'S SUGAR STUDY MAY HELP LOUISIANA CORN

Value of Planters' Experiments In Arsenical Spray Is Shown

AGRICULTURAL DEPT. OFFICIALS INTERESTED

Southern States May Be Greatly Helped By Methods Worked Out Here

BY C. S. ALBERT.

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Officials of the Department of Agriculture are greatly interested in reports received from Hawaii to the effect that one of the big sugar companies has adopted as a regular field practice the system of destroying weeds by use of an arsenic poison spray instead of by hoeing. Experts who have conducted experiments on Hawaii sugar lands estimate that by the spraying method a saving can be made in labor of \$15 to \$30 per acre per annum.

The latest developments along this line in Hawaii are discussed in a letter received from H. P. Agce, director of the experiment station staff of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association. Before going to Hawaii, Prof. Agce cooperated with the department in experiments on Louisiana sugar land.

The value of this method in Hawaii is very great because of the fact that, like most tropical regions, the islands are subject to torrential rains. The less the surface of sugar and other lands are disturbed by cultivation the less chance there is that heavy rains will wash off the top soil or immediately beat it into compact form.

A few years ago the Department of Agriculture issued a bulletin dealing with the weed factor in the cultivation of corn, following a series of experiments extending over several years, which apparently established the principle that it is the removal of the weeds rather than the cultivation proper that contributes most to the production of the corn crop. A series of 125 experiments were conducted, covering many estates. On some plots the most approved methods of cultivation were employed, while on other plots there was no cultivation whatever, the weeds being eliminated by surface scraping with a hoe. A general average of all these experiments showed that the plots that were simply weeded produced 95.1 per cent as much fodder and 99.108 per cent as much grain as those that were subjected to the most approved methods of cultivation.

To Be Tried in Louisiana. The arsenic spray method will be given a trial on corn land in Louisiana this year by experts of the Office of Farm Management in cooperation with local authorities, with a view to determining whether it is not available for use in that region, where climatic conditions to some extent approach those in Hawaii. At present it is not believed that the arsenic spray can be generally employed throughout the United States on corn and other lands because of the great difference in climatic and soil conditions.

In Hawaii the spray is applied to the weeds with great care, since if it touches the leaves on the cane they are immediately destroyed. When carefully applied, however, either by a hand spray or by a spray consisting of an oil barrel attached to the purpose and pulled by one mule, there is no danger to the cane. Frequently it is necessary to follow the sprayed with a hand spray in order to kill the few weeds that are not reached. The results of the spraying method have been so satisfactory that experiments are being conducted with a view to improving the somewhat crude implements now in use.

IMPEACHMENT OF OKUMA'S CABINET NOW POSSIBILITY

(Special to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, May 17.—Impeachment of the Okuma cabinet is embodied in a resolution drawn up by a caucus of the Seiyukai members of the new parliament which meets for extra session today. Opposing the resolution for impeachment is a resolution drawn up by the Doshikai members that the ministry be retained and supported.

The split comes from the failure of the ministry to enforce the demands of Japan upon China. It is expected that the Doshikai resolution will pass as the government party controls the house.

"HAPPY HOGAN," NOTED BASEBALL PLAYER, DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

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GRECIAN KING WHO IS IN DANGER OF DEATH



KING CONSTANTINE.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) PARIS, France, May 17.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece is said to be alarming. His fever is higher and he is noticeably restless, says a despatch today.

CHIYO MARU HAS FIRE IN CARGO; SOON QUENCHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) TOKIO, Japan, May 17.—The Pacific Mail liner Mongolia has wireless that there was a fire on the T. K. K. liner Chiyo Maru on Sunday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 17.—The fire on board the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru was confined to the cotton, according to a report received here. No details are given.

VILLA'S BROTHER REPORTED KILLED IN A GUN FIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) EL PASO, Tex., May 17.—General Antonio Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, has been shot in the head and perhaps fatally wounded in a shooting affray at Chihuahua city. It is reported that seven were killed in the affray, which grew out of a political dispute, and that among the dead are several of Villa's officers.

CHOOSE SHIMADA FOR SPEAKER OF NEW PARLIAMENT

(Special to Hawaii Shipco.)

TOKIO, May 17.—S. Shimada of the Doshikai party was elected speaker of the new parliament which opens its session today. Shimada is a strong adherent of Baron Kato, foreign minister, whom the Seiyukai members of the Diet will attempt to oust from office for his failure to enforce the Japanese demands upon China.

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WAR FEVER MOUNTING HIGHER IN ITALY HOURLY; MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS IS REPORTED

SIX THOUSAND ARMENIANS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS TO TURKISH FEROCITY—AUSTRIAN AND ITALIAN GUARDS EXCHANGE SHOTS—CHILDREN DIE IN LATEST ZEPPELIN RAID—BRITISH AEROPLANES CHASE GERMAN AIRSHIP ACROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL AFTER ATTACK

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

ROME, Italy, May 17.—Premier Salandra, who under the king's pressure has decided to remain at the head of the ministry, has called a meeting of the Italian cabinet for a decision as to Italy's participation in the war. The meeting will be held on Thursday, it is expected.

Italy is in a steadily-mounting fever of excitement over the war situation. The temper of the people is represented as being overwhelmingly in favor of war.

CLASHES ON FRONTIER WITH AUSTRIANS

ROME, Italy, May 17.—Clashes between Austrian and Italian troops are occurring on the frontier, a number of shots having been exchanged.

Despatches today say that there was a "women's revolution" in Trieste. A crowd composed mostly of women is said to have engaged in an open anti-Austrian demonstration. The crowd was charged by troops and 47 women killed and 300 injured.

SALANDRA'S POPULARITY SHOWN

ROME, Italy, May 17.—Confirmation of the report that Premier Salandra would retain his power was greeted with a remarkable demonstration today. Three hundred thousand people assembled in the streets and cheered for hours, Salandra being singled out for huzzas.

Six Thousand Armenians Victims of Ruthless Turks in Massacre

LONDON, England, May 17.—Six thousand Armenian Christians have been massacred at Van, according to a despatch from Urumiah. Others are fighting with what feeble resistance they can hordes of Turks and Kurds. Assistance is needed or all will be massacred or taken into captivity.

German Toll of British Merchant Ships is Announced in the House

LONDON, England, May 17.—It was announced in the House of Commons today that 460,628 tons of British shipping, other than warships, has been sunk or captured by the Germans since the outbreak of the war.

German Zeppelin is Chased

LONDON, England, May 17.—The British admiralty announces that the German Zeppelin which raided Ramsgate last night was pursued across the Channel by eight aeroplanes and disappeared apparently damaged.

Zeppelin at Calais Kills Children

CALAIS, France, May 17.—As a result of a German Zeppelin raid here, two children have been killed and several women wounded.

KEWALO OWNERS ASK FOR ELEVEN THOUSAND BLM KOREAN FACING TRIAL ESCAPES; CELL UNLOCKED

Two dozen claims, totaling \$11,187.75, were filed this morning during the hearing before Superintendent of Public Works Charles I. Forbes of the damage claims arising from the Kewalo reclamation work recently carried on in the Kewalo district of the city.

The damages which the property owners allege to have sustained range all the way from two papaya trees killed by salt water, to broken fences, flooded homes and whole orchards laid waste. Fertile lands already brought to grade are said to have been ruined by the dumping of coral and by salt water soaking, and not a few dramatic incidents of conflicts between property owners and workmen were told in detail.

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